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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GUINEA ECONOMICS MINISTER TOURE TO
CANADA, MARCH 19-23

1. GUINEA DESK OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(EXTAFF) GAVE EMBOFF FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT
VISIT.

2. IN OTTAWA, TOURE MET WITH JEAN-PIERRE GOYER, MINISTER
RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL FRANCOPHONE AFFAIRS;
OFFICIALS FROM CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(CIDA), EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPS (EDC), AND MINISTRY OF
INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE (ITC). TOURE HAD SEPARATE
MEETINGS WITH QUEBEC PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS IN MONTREAL,
AS WELL AS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PRIVATE INDUSTRY.

3. TOURE MADE PITCH FOR INCREASE IN THE PRESENTLY MODEST
GOC AID PROGRAM (TWO PROJECTS; ONE UNDER FAO AND OTHER
UNDER WHO). HE ALSO ASKED GOC OFFICIALS TO CONSIDER WAYS
OF INCREASING TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. GOC
OFFICIALS LISTENED POLITELY BUT GAVE NO COMMITMENTS BEYOND
AGREEMENT TO CONSIDER REQUESTS.

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4. GOC OFFICIALS, ACCORDING TO DESK OFFICER, RECEIVED
IMPRESSION THAT GUINEA IS ACTIVELY INTERESTED IN IMPROVING
RELATIONS WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES, AT LEAST IN PART TO GAIN
WESTERN ASSISTANCE TO REDUCE DEPENDENCE ON SOVIET UNION.
HE ADDED THAT GOC IS LIKELY TO RESPOND CAUTIOUSLY TO
THESE APPARENT SIGNALS BECAUSE OF POOR GUINEAN RECORD IN

HUMAN RIGHTS. GOC MOST LIKELY, HE CONCLUDED, TO MONITOR
CLOSELY REACTION OF OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES BEFORE RESPOND-
ING SIGNIFICANTLY TO GUINEAN OVERTURES. DUEMLING

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